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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 AND 1.98**

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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of an Official Action dated April 1, 2008, in connection with a corresponding Japanese patent application (that is, Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-090879). Also enclosed is a copy of the document cited in the enclosed Official Action. Further enclosed is a Form PTO/SB/08A, listing the enclosed documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application. Accordingly, requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(b) are satisfied.

In any event, the following Statement is made under 37 CFR 1.97(e):

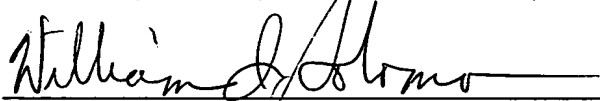
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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, at least in connection with the document cited in the enclosed Official Action. Consideration of the documents listed on the enclosed Form, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

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